

POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
POSGCD District Offices
310 East Avenue C
Milano, TX 76556
October 12, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

POSGCD Board Members Present in person unless otherwise noted

Sidney Youngblood
Steven Wise
Tommy Tietjen
Becky Goetsch
Bob Wilson
Jay Wilder
Dana McClaren

Board Members Absent

Ed Savage
Ward Roddam
Lee Alford

POSGCD Staff Present in person unless otherwise noted

Gary Westbrook
Bobby Bazan
Elaine Gerren
Doug Box
Craig Andrews – via online

POSGCD Consultants

Steve Young – in person
Barbra Boulware-Wells – via online

Public Attendance (via online unless otherwise noted)

Elizabeth Miller- in person	Water Ambassador's Program
Robert Miller- in person	Water Ambassador's Program
David Smith- in person	Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
Blaire Parker	SAWS
Shan Rutherford- in person	Terrill & Waldrop
Paul	
Paul Brandenburg	BRA
Paul Terrill	Terrill & Waldrop
Ross Cummings	Blue Water
Stefan Schuster	EPCOR
Visitor	

Board Meeting

1.) Call to Order and establish quorum

The Board meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by President Sidney Youngblood. He declared a quorum had been established, with 7 directors verified by general counsel and staff to be in attendance in person.

2.) Public Comment

President Youngblood asked GM Westbrook if anyone had requested to speak under this agenda item.

GM Westbrook stated that no one filed a request to speak.

President Youngblood then gave an invocation and led the pledges to the flags of the United States and Texas.

3.) Consent Agenda

All of the following items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be self-explanatory by the Board and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board Member requests.

- a) Minutes of September 14, 2021 Public Hearings
- b) Minutes of September 14, 2021 Board Meeting
- c) Bills received, current financial status, Investment Officer Report.
- d) Review of Recent Education Efforts and Activities
- e) Receive report from General Manager on recent District activities and take appropriate actions.
 1. Permit applications filed with the District and Hearing Dates; Emergency Permits Granted
 2. Well Drilling activities: registrations, applications, completions, plugging, inspections
 3. Groundwater Well Assistance Program (GWAP) Update: investigations and corrective actions taken
 4. Recent and future District presentations and activities
 - a. Brazos G Regional Water Planning Group meeting of September 29, 2021
 - b. Groundwater Management Area 12 Meeting of October 13, 2021
 - c. Groundwater Management Area 8 Meeting of November 4, 2021

After brief discussion by the Board a motion was made by Director Jay Wilder to approve the consent Agenda. The motion was 2nd by Director Becky Goetsch. The motion passed unanimously.

4.) Regular Agenda

a) Presentation from 4-H Water Ambassadors

David Smith with Texas A&M AgriLife provided a report on the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors and introduced Robert Miller II, a resident of Milam County and the District, and participant of the program during this past year. Both thanked the Board for their participation in and support of the program.

b) Review and direction to General Manager concerning draft 2022 Budget

GM Gary Westbrook gave an in-depth overview of the draft 2022 Budget as recommended to the Board by the Advisory Committee to consider for public hearings. After discussions on each line item the Board advised him to set the draft 2022 Budget and associated fees for public hearings to be held at the November meeting.

c) Review Board Dashboard of Committee Updates

GM Westbrook asked Doug Box to put the Board Committee Dashboard on the screens for review. Mr. Westbrook then gave an overview of the committees' work to date and possible work yet to be completed.

d) Discussion, consideration and direction to General Manager concerning adoption of Desired Future Conditions of Groundwater Management Area 8 (GMA 8)

GM Westbrook stated GMA 8 will meet November 4 to consider the Proposed DFCs. He then briefly reviewed the last direction from the Board and asked if there were any changes to that direction before this meeting. After brief discussion, there was no new direction to the General Manager for this item.

e) Discussion, consideration and direction to General Manager concerning adoption of Desired Future Conditions of Groundwater Management Area 12 (GMA 12)

GM Westbrook stated GMA 12 will meet October 13 to consider the Proposed DFCs. He then briefly reviewed the last direction from the Board and asked if there were any changes to that direction before this meeting. After brief discussion, there was no new direction to the General Manager for this item.

f.) Update on joint planning process and Desired Future Conditions (DFCs), groundwater resources in the district and future process for evaluating District DFCs for Groundwater Management Area 12 (GMA 12) and Groundwater Management Area 8 (GMA 8)

GM Gary Westbrook reminded that the next GMA 8 meeting will be on November 4, 2021 and the next GMA 12 Meeting would be October 13. He then provided a brief update on the recent GMA 12 meetings which had focused on the current process to date and issues faced, as well as efforts to develop a process moving forward which could avoid these issues.

GM Westbrook and Dr. Steve Young of Intera then informed the Board that the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) was interested in performing a case study on the process used in GMA 12. In this round of joint planning which led to the District's recent creation of a Position Paper on the issues faced and encountered by the District and the GMA. After discussion, the Board agreed to allow the General Manager and Dr. Young of Intera to proceed with discussions with EDF to develop a process and scope of work for this effort and return that information to the Advisory Committee for approval.

5. Executive Session –

Closed session in accordance with Section 551.071 (Advice of Counsel) and Section 1.05\ Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct regarding:

- a) Receive advice concerning the District's Rules concerning reporting requirements and possible violations.
- b) Receive advice concerning the District's Grant Program.

President Youngblood convened the Board into Executive Session in accordance with Section 551.071 (Advice of Counsel) and Section 1.05 Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct at 6:50 pm.

6. Reconvene – Reconvene into regular open session and consider action, if any, on items discussed in executive session.

The Board reconvened into regular session at 8:44 p.m. President Youngblood stated no action had been taken while in Executive Session.

A motion was made by Director Jay Wiler to proceed with action as discussed in Executive Session. The motion was 2nd by Director Tommy Tietjen. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Dates, locations, and times of future meetings

President Youngblood stated the next regularly scheduled meeting would be November 9, 2021 at 5:30 at the District Office.

8. Adjourn Board Meeting

Director Tietjen moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm

THE ABOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HELD ON OCTOBER 12, 2021, WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THAT BOARD ON NOVEMBER 9, 2021.

Sidney Youngblood, President

Attest:

Gary Westbrook, Assistant Board Secretary

Date _____